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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER SAYS AGREEMENT
WITH THE PARTIES REACHED "IN PRINCIPLE"

1. IN A SOMEWHAT GUARDED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON
AUGUST 8 THE CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENT'S CIVIL HOUSE-
HOLD, DR. HENRIQUE GRANADEIRO, TOLD ME THAT
IN DISCUSSIONS HELD THE PREVIOUS DAY THE PRESIDENT AND
THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT
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"IN PRINCIPLE" REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF
PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE. GRANADEIRO IMPLIED THAT THE
BASIC POINT OF THE AGREEMENT WAS THAT THE THREE DEMOCRATIC
PARTIES (PS, CDS, PSD) WOULD ALLOW THEIR MEMBERS TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. GRANADEIRO ALSO STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AGREEMENT

WAS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO ANY OF THE PARTIES AND
THAT IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN HOW DIFFICULT IT WOULD BE
TO PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE.
HE SAID THAT THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION ACTUALLY EXTENDED
BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD DEPEND UPON THEIR REACTION
TO THE PERSON OF THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, WHO WOULD BE
NAMED ON AUGUST 9.

3. GRANDADEIRO AGREED TO MEET ME ON AUGUST 10 TO DISCUSS
THE SITUATION AT THAT TIME.
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